

**CITY OF BROOKSVILLE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
201 HOWELL AVENUE
BROOKSVILLE, FL 34601**

MINUTES

November 18, 2013

7:00 P.M.

Brooksville City Council met in regular session with Mayor Lara Bradburn, Vice Mayor Kevin Hohn, Council Members Frankie Burnett and Joseph E. Johnston, III present. Also present were Clifford Taylor, City Attorney; T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager; Janice L. Peters, City Clerk; Mike Walker, Parks and Recreation Director; Bill Geiger, Community Development Director; Richard Radacky, Director of Public Works; George Turner, Police Chief and Tim Mossgrove, Fire Chief. Members of the Hernando Today and Hernando Times were also present. Council Member Joe Bernardini was absent.

Prior to the meeting a sound/distance demonstration related to the noise ordinance took place outside City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bradburn at 7:00 p.m., followed by an invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Bradburn asked that Item F-2 be tabled to the next meeting for further review.

CERTIFICATES, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation of Recognition

Proclamation recognizing Alan DeWitte for obtaining his 3 million mile safe driving award.

The proclamation was read in its entirety by Mayor Bradburn and will be presented to Mr. DeWitte at an event in his honor on November 22nd.

Resolution No. 2013-14 – Stephen Baumgartner Retirement

Consideration of Resolution honoring Finance Director Stephen Baumgartner who will retire from the Finance Department on November 29, 2013, after more than 11 years of service.

Finance Director Baumgartner was honored for his service to the City. Mayor Bradburn elaborated on his accomplishments during his tenure with the City, reading Resolution No. 2013-14 in its entirety.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Johnston and seconded by Council Member Burnett for approval of Resolution No. 2013-14.

City Clerk Peters read Resolution No. 2013-14 by title, as follows:

**A RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION OF THE YEARS OF SERVICE
RENDERED TO THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE AND ITS CITIZENS
BY STEPHEN BAUMGARTNER.**

Motion carried 4-0 upon roll call vote, as follows:

Council Member Burnett	Aye
Council Member Johnston	Aye
Council Member Bernardini	Absent
Vice Mayor Hohn	Aye
Mayor Bradburn	Aye

APPROVED BY BROOKSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL
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Director Baumgartner expressed appreciation and thanks for his opportunity to work for the City of Brooksville.

Council Member Johnston and Council Member Burnett also commented on Director Baumgartner's tenure.

National Farm-City Week Proclamation

Proclamation in honor of National Farm-City Week November 22 – 28, 2013.

The proclamation was read in its entirety by Mayor Bradburn and presented to Jimmy Brooks of the National Farm-City organization, who elaborated on the event being held on November 25th at Hernando Park. City Manager Norman-Vacha advised part of Fort Dade would be closed for the event.

Council Member Johnston believes he read in the newspaper that one of the Hernando High School students placed first in the national FFA competition and they should get the person's name and do a proclamation.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Bradburn called for citizen input.

Pat Miketinac advised Altamonte Springs received a traffic safety award for being one of the safest cities to drive in and they do not use red light cameras. He would appreciate an update on the annual statistical data and information report that all cities issuing automated tickets are to provide to DHSMV.

Vi Coogler thanked council members who made the gathering on Friday at Chinsegut Hill.

Rick Ballou wants to know when the flashing lights will be fixed and talked about the stress they create.

Hamilton Hanson, of Weeki Wachee, spoke in opposition of red light cameras.

CONSENT AGENDA

Metal Building – Surplus Property

Consideration to surplus previously donated unclaimed metal building.

Final 2012-2013 Budget Amendments

Consideration of final budget amendments to the Fiscal Year 2012/13 budget.

City Manager Norman-Vacha, after meeting with members from the Heritage Museum, asked for 36 sheets of metal be donated to the museum and the remaining sheets, less than 100, be surplus. Vice Mayor Hohn asked about the cost of the netting for the JBCC Adult Softball Complex. Director Walker advised it will cost around \$5,000.00 to \$6,000.00.

Council Member Johnston asked about the transfers from reserves to special events discussed last meeting. City Manager Norman-Vacha advised it would be for Fiscal Year 2013/2014.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Burnett and seconded by Council Member Johnston for approval of the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

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REGULAR AGENDA

Noise Ordinance Discussion and Staff Report

Staff report and discussion regarding the City's Noise Ordinance

Police Chief Turner reviewed the stipulations of the ordinance, advising violations must be witnessed by an officer, in that the vehicle must be observed and identified. Noise is documented via a laser, which is not available in all vehicles, and not all officers are laser certified. He stated distance is an important enforcement issue. The demonstration tonight was at 109 feet.

Mayor Bradburn asked if Council would like to leave the policy as is, or bring the ordinance back for a change of distance. Council Member Burnett was in favor of changing the distance from 25 feet, but wants to make sure the officers can enforce it. Council discussed and agreed upon a 50 to 75 foot distance. Staff and legal will review what other cities are doing and amend the current ordinance for Council approval.

City Manager Norman-Vacha confirmed that staff will bring back the change to include a 50-75 foot distance, as well as to incorporate exceptions for city events. The nuisance ordinance regarding private property will also be reviewed.

Resolution No. 2013-13 Public Comment

Consideration of Resolution adopting rules and policies governing public comment in compliance with Section 286.0114, Florida Statutes.

This item was tabled to the December 2nd meeting of Council.

2014 Annual Holiday and Meeting Schedule

Review and consideration of proposed meeting and holiday schedule for 2014, including tentative budget workshops and public hearing dates, pursuant to City Code and Policy.

Motion:

Motion was made by Council Member Burnett and seconded by Vice Mayor Hohn for approval of the 2014 Holiday and Meeting Schedule. Motion carried 4-0.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mayor Bradburn called for public input.

Hamilton Hansen commented on the noise ordinance, as well as an incident during the election last year with the Brooksville Police Department.

Pat Miketinac commented on the City Manager's microphone.

ITEMS BY COUNCIL

Frankie Burnett, Council Member

Customer Service Improvements

Council Member Burnett is in favor of improvement to the Customer Service area. He recommended changes to the reception area as well.

Veteran's Parade

He advised the Veteran's Parade continues to grow each year but is saddened by the turnout to the event. He encouraged all to remember and thank veterans at any time.

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Thanksgiving

He asked that all remember those less fortunate.

Staff

Council Member Burnett thanked staff for their hard work.

Joseph E. Johnston, III

Recycling

Council Member Johnston reminded that Wednesday is recycling day.

Traffic Light Malfunction

Several citizens have approached him and believe that the traffic signals at the old plazas may not be functioning correctly, so the county should address them to any others being checked.

Thanksgiving

He wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Kevin Hohn, Vice-Mayor

Veterans

Vice Mayor Hohn agreed with Council Member Burnett's thoughts on gratitude to the Veterans.

Red Light Camera

He asked for Council consensus for staff to discuss with Sensys the possibility of exchanging the lights for infrared ones and the cost. City Manager Norman-Vacha advised staff will check on this.

Council Member Johnston thought staff already looked into it and it would be somewhere between \$5,000 to 7,000 to convert and then about \$2,000 a month additional to what we're doing now to maintain them in that manner.

Mayor Bradburn thought it was less than that and believes Council has already instructed staff to look into it.

City Manager Norman-Vacha was not aware of any request, but has heard discussion on correcting what is currently used with Sensys. She asked if Council would like staff to look at additional costs and look and what we can or cannot do in accordance with the contract to switch out some of our cameras to infrared.

Mayor Bradburn confirmed Council consensus, and stated that although it may not change, the information would help to resolve the issue.

Vice Mayor Hohn stated that there may be contractual legal issues, which will be between the City Attorney and the company to discuss.

Right on Red Law

He commented on the legislative law and language used for turning right on red and thanked staff for information requested regarding statistics on red light camera violations.

2014 1st Tee Tournament

He advised they are expecting big things for this tournament.

City Manager Norman-Vacha

City Manager Norman-Vacha wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

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Lara Bradburn, Mayor

Chinsegut Hill Manor House Renovation

Mayor Bradburn advised they have a \$50,000 matching grant opportunity and have been trying to raise money.

Fertilizer Ordinance

She would like the City to adopt a city ordinance similar to the county, and asked that staff prepare one for Council consideration.

Top 10 Ways to Beautify Your City

She advised number 3 on the list is trees, which the City of Tampa is already working on. She asked that staff contact them for specifics on their program.

Lunch with Santa

She advised the museum is sponsoring this event on December 21st at the Russell Street Train Station.

ICTC Grand Opening

She congratulated ICTC on their opening.

Mayor Bradburn wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk